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## CHARLESTON FIRE.

Lewis, Hubbard & Co.'s Wholesale Grocery House Destroyed.

### OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGED.

Loss Reaches Over \$150,000--Narrow Escape of Firemen and Others from Falling Walls--A Stock of Fireworks Makes an Entertaining Pyrotechnical Display. Fireman Shot in the Leg from the Discharge of Cartridges--Payne Shop Company's Establishment Damaged to the Extent of \$30,000--Masonic Temple in Danger at One Time.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—The wholesale grocery house of Lewis, Hubbard & Co., on the corner of Hale and Virginia streets was totally destroyed by fire which was discovered at 5:45 o'clock this morning. When discovered the flames already had a good start and most of the third floor was in a blaze. The fourth story was filled with pine buckets, willow baskets, etc., and was soon a mass of flames, which it was impossible to quench.

While the firemen were fighting the fire Chief Callahan noticed the walls beginning to bulge and the firemen and crowd were ordered back out of danger just as the whole Hale street wall fell into the street. No one was injured.

During the fire a big stock of sky-rockets left over from Christmas, were discharged and there was a grand display of fireworks. Cartridges carried in stock were discharged, and one fireman was shot in the leg by a bullet from one of them, but was not dangerously hurt. Everything in the building was totally destroyed and the building was entirely demolished.

The Payne Shoe Company's store also four stories high, and adjoining the burning building, was badly damaged by fire, and the stock almost ruined by water. Everybody expected it to be destroyed, but the fire department saved it by hard work. The Masonic temple across the street was slightly damaged, and had there been a breath of wind would have been destroyed. The guests of the Hotel Ruffner, half a block from the fire were all awakened to be ready to escape in case of danger. Heat damaged the hotel slightly.

At midnight firemen were still throwing water on the ruins. The losses are as follows: Lewis, Hubbard & Co., loss on stock, \$100,000; insurance, \$80,000; C. C. Lewis, loss on building, \$31,000; insurance, \$10,000; Payne Shoe Co., loss on building and goods, \$30,000; fully insured.

Lewis, Hubbard & Co. are already filling orders from an uninjured warehouse. They will rebuild at once.

### Fatalities at a Fire.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.—During a fire at New Haven, a suburb of this city, in the residence of Mary Ann Browdy this evening, Miss Nancy Browdy, aged forty-six, was burned to death and the mother aged seventy-six, was so badly burned that she cannot survive the night. Miss Browdy, who came here about a month ago from Butte, Mont., to visit her mother, lost her life in trying to save some personal property from the building. She went to the upper floor after the flames had made headway on the structure and was probably suffocated. When the house had been gutted, the body of Miss Browdy was seen hanging over a joist and in the presence of about 500 people, who had gathered at the scene, and was utterly burned to a crisp. The mother threw herself into the burning building twice in the endeavor to save her daughter, but each time was dragged back by friends, not, however, until she was so badly burned that the physicians say she cannot recover.

### Explosion in a Coal Shaft.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 27.—Shortly after work was resumed in the Delaware, Lackawanna Company's Bellevue shaft to-day, a terrific explosion occurred which shattered sections of the gangway, scattered missiles in every direction and injured six men, two seriously. The explosion was of gas, and in the B. gangway of the fourteen foot vein. Eighteen men were in the immediate vicinity. John Alexander, a laborer, and John O'Brien, a miner, were badly hurt and may die. They were taken to the Moses Taylor hospital. The former was horribly burned. O'Brien had both hips broken. A naked lamp is thought to have caused the explosion. Work in the fourteen foot vein has been abandoned until after repairs are completed. Mine Inspector Edward Roderick is investigating the matter.

### Mystery Surrounds Their Death.

INDIANA, Pa., Dec. 27.—Mystery still surrounds the death of Milton Neal and his wife, whose bodies were found in their home near Jacksonville, Indiana county, by their son, Saturday night. The theory of murder is still the most predominant, although many cling to the belief that the wife was first killed by her husband, who afterward turned the weapon upon himself. This idea is scouted by the relatives, who were indignant when shown its publication in a morning paper. Murder, cold and premeditated, is the only statement which finds favor in their eyes.

Across Mr. Neal's forehead is a deep dent, wonderfully like a blow produced by a poker. No one can account for this, and some think the murderer first killed him before firing the fatal shot. The coroner did not conclude the testimony in the case to-day and adjourned the inquest until Thursday afternoon.

### Potters Announce.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 27.—Representatives of the Pottery National Union, the National Kilnmen, Dippers and Magermakers Association and the National Brotherhood of operative potters in session here to-day agreed upon the organization of the three associations into one national organization. The plan of amalgamation is yet to be decided upon.

## HOMICIDE AT METZ.

Marion County--Drunken Quarrel Results in Death of One of the Participants.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Dec. 27.—A homicide was committed in the village of Metz, this county, last Saturday night, the parties being young men under the influence of liquor. James Schultz got off the west bound accommodation, due there about 3 p. m., and was very boisterous in one of the stores, but was taken to an adjoining building, where his boisterous conduct attracted the attention of William Metz, who entered the building and before those near were aware of it got into a fight.

They fell with Metz on top, who was pulled off and the parties were separated. Schultz said: "We have no troubles to settle; let us shake hands," but Metz replied that he would "knock his head off," and made at him, when Schultz drew a pistol and fired, striking Metz near the left temple, the bullet taking an upward course, and killing him instantly. Schultz was arrested and brought here and placed in jail. County Coroner T. A. Fleming, Sheriff R. L. Cunningham and Prosecuting Attorney G. W. Alexander went out on the first train and held an inquest. Dr. P. B. Ogden made a post mortem examination and extracted the bullet. Metz was about twenty years old.

### A QUEER CONVICTION.

A Detective in Discharge of His Duty Imprisoned for Carrying a Pistol.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—John C. Kaier, a detective from a well known agency, came to Martinsburg believing a prisoner confined there in jail was the man he was looking for, got the sheriff and one or two others to accompany him to the jail, where it was discovered that Kaier had a pistol on his person. Some one of the party informed a justice of the peace of this fact, who issued a warrant for Kaier's arrest. He was arrested, fined \$25, and imprisoned in the county jail for sixty days.

Telegrams and letters were sent to the justice showing the man to be discharging his official duties, and that he was all right. The case was appealed to the governor, who wrote the prosecuting attorney to release the prisoner. To-day the governor received a telegram from Prosecuting Attorney Pitzer, saying he could not release him and asking that he, the governor, pardon him, which was done by telegram. The governor feels quite incensed over what he believes to be the improper conduct of the justice of the peace.

### FUNERAL OF O. S. LONG.

The Services to be Held in St. Matthew's Church, This City.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—The remains of the late O. S. Long will be taken to Wheeling for burial. There will be a Templar service of the Kanawha commandery Knights Templar at the residence, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Dr. Roller, prelate.

The remains will reach Wheeling Wednesday night accompanied by an escort of eight members from Kanawha commandery not yet named, and the final services will be held at St. Matthew's church, Thursday morning, conducted by Rev. Dr. Roller, of this city, assisted by the rector, Dr. Thomas.

Frederick Webber, of Washington, secretary general of the supreme council Scottish Rite Masons, is here and will accompany the remains to Wheeling. Dr. West Virginia, of the Scottish Rite Masons, is also here. Other visitors are expected to-morrow.

### Death of Mrs. Kinslow.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Mrs. C. E. Kinslow, wife of the former editor of the Herald, and later editor of the McDowell Recorder, died yesterday at the family home in Hurricane, Putnam county.

### Fought a Draw.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Joe Walcott and Tom Tracy met to-night for six rounds in the Winter Circus building, at Harmon Court and Wabash avenue. The decision of the referee was a draw, the decision being accepted as eminently a fair one by the crowd. Before the fight it was announced that if Walcott won the fight he was open to fight for the middle-weight championship of the world, "and," said Sol Van Praag, who made the announcement, "he has posted \$1,000 with Louisa Houseman, of Chicago, as forfeit and he prefers Kid McCoy."

This was greeted with jeers by the crowd and loud cries of "Lavage, Lavigne." O'Rourke then authorized the announcement that Walcott was matched to fight Kid Lavigne at 137 pounds, the fight to come off February 22, in San Francisco. Walcott was first in the ring and was followed quickly by Tracy. In the latter's corner were Billy O'Connell, Joe Chynski and Billy Stiff. Behind Joe Chynski were Bob Armstrong, Billy White and Tom O'Rourke. George Siler acted as referee. Walcott weighed very close to 150. Tracy between 145 and 145.

### Suffering from Alcoholism.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 27.—L. P. Bowen, a son of ex-United States Senator Bowen, of Denver, committed suicide at Sappington, on the Butte-Logan branch of the Northern Pacific yesterday. His body was found near the track, where an express train had thrown it and near it was an empty bottle labeled "poison." Bowen was on his way from Sheridan to Miles City, where he expected to take a position on the Yellowstone Journal. He was suffering from alcoholism, and remarked Saturday night that he had not been sober since June last. Bowen was for years mining editor of the Helena Journal. Russell B. Harrison's paper in Helena. He was once editor and proprietor of the Deer Lodge News-Northwest.

### Won't Consider McCoy's Challenge.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Fitzsimmons said to-night that he had received no challenge or offer from McCoy. "I do not agree with McCoy that he is entitled to consideration before Corbett," Fitzsimmons said. "I am willing to fight him when he has done something to put himself in a fight."

Martha Johnson, the champion's manager, declared that he would not consider McCoy's challenge.

## AN ACTUAL FACT

That Many Thousands of People in Cuba are Starving.

### THE PRESIDENT IS INFORMED

Of the Situation From Sources Whose Credibility Cannot Be Doubted--\$5,000 Received by the State Department Yesterday in Aid of the Sufferers From Charitably Disposed Persons, Whose Names are Not Disclosed--An Appeal Made to the Generosity of the American Public--Character of Donations That Will Be Acceptable--Profound Distress Prevails on the Island.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—The most profound distress prevails among many thousands of people in Cuba. Starvation not only impends, but is an actual fact. The President has been informed of the facts from sources whose credibility cannot be doubted. He has gone to the length of his constitutional power in calling the state of affairs to the attention of the American people. The state department has used all of its authority to mitigate the conditions there and the letter to the public sent out by Secretary Sherman the day before Christmas and pointed out the way to further alleviate the miserable condition of the reconcentrados. To-day the sum of five thousand dollars was received by Assistant Secretary Day from certain charitably disposed persons whose names are not disclosed and this sum will be remitted by telegraph early tomorrow morning to Consul General Lee for disbursement among the more pressing cases. It is hoped by the department of state that the American people will come to the relief and that promptly by subscriptions of money, clothing and supplies of various kinds.

The newspapers are expected to lend a general aid in carrying forward this movement. The machinery for distribution has been provided by the state department and Consul General Lee has undertaken, with the aid of the American consular officers in Cuba to give personal attention to the alleviation of distress by the distribution of the gifts of the American people. One line of steamers plying between New York and Havana, the Ward line, it is said, has undertaken to forward any contributions of goods to General Lee at Havana and it is believed that the American railroads will do their part by carrying the goods to the seaboard. The Spanish authorities have consented to remit all duties on relief supplies so forwarded. The state department directs that they be sent direct to Consul General Lee either money by draft or check, or goods. Consul General Lee just what is wanting at this juncture and his list is as follows:

Summer clothing, second-hand or otherwise, principally for the women and children; medicines for fevers, including a large proportion of quinine, hard bread, corn-meal, bacon, rice, lard, potatoes, beans, peas, salt fish, principally codfish, any canned goods, especially condensed milk for the starving children.

Money will be also useful to secure necessities, medicines and for many other necessary purposes.

### The Autonomy Cabinet.

HAVANA, Dec. 27.—It is asserted that the following have been accepted by General Blanco as members of the first colonial cabinet under the regime of autonomy:

President of the cabinet, Senor Jose Maria Gálvez. Minister of Finance, Senor Rafael Montono, Marquis of Montoro. Minister of the Interior, Senor Antonio Govin. Minister of Education, Senor Francisco Zayas. Minister of commerce, Senor Arturo Amador. Minister of post and telegraphs, Senor Rafael Fernandez Castro. It is understood that they will take the oath at the palace on Saturday next.

### First Voyage of the Klond.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The American steamer City of Everett, which made the trip from San Francisco to Calcutta with a cargo of food for the starving Hindoos is now on her way across the Atlantic from Spain with a cargo of ore for Charleston, S. C., where she will arrive about New Years. After discharging her cargo at Calcutta she made a trip to Madras with coal, and returning to Calcutta, she took a load of jute for Valencia and Bilbao, Spain, by the Suez canal. Discharging the jute in Spain, she got a cargo of iron ore for the United States. This is the first voyage of this kind ever made by an American steamer.

### The Proper Food for Alaskan Sufferers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Secretary Alger this afternoon received the following telegram from Captain Brainerd:

"I believe the nutritive value claimed for condensed foods, somewhat exaggerated; besides these foods are difficult to pack and in packing add greatly to the weight. I deem the most satisfactory food for Alaska to be bacon, beans, flour, peas, rice, sugar, coffee, tea and chocolate, the necessary condiments and small quantity of butter and condensed milk. These articles possess proper nutrition, are easy to pack, and except butter and milk, have no extra weight for packing."

### Is Not a Candidate.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 27.—Grand Master Sargent, of the Firemen's Brotherhood, who has just returned from Washington, denied that he is a candidate for Interstate commerce commissioner, and fears that such a report may cast a reflection on his motives in opposing Judge Paxton. He says the brotherhoods are pushing no candidate, but are strongly against Paxton.

### Minister Woodford's Note.

MADRID, Dec. 27.—According to an official announcement, the government considers that the Spanish press attaches too great importance to the Woodford note. The government says the announcement continues to regard America's attitude as correct, despite "certain statements in the note requiring refutation."

## LOWER INTEREST RATE

Will Be Inaugurated by New York Banks--The Changed Conditions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—With the announcement of the dividends to be paid next month by the various savings banks of this city, there is a general tendency to pay a lower rate of interest than heretofore. A few years ago practically all the older banks were paying interest at 4 per cent per annum, but gradually this has been changed so that next year the rate of interest in many instances will be 3½ per cent. President McManis, of the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank, said to-day: "Conditions are such now that the various banks are not earning as much as a few years ago and consequently it is impracticable to pay a rate of interest that would perhaps tend to reduce the surplus. The tendency is even toward a lower rate, say 3 per cent; not this year or even next, perhaps, but eventually."

Most of the six per cent government bonds have matured and but a few years can elapse before they are all redeemed. While banks held these bonds it was possible to pay four per cent, but now in taking care of our new business it is not possible for a bank to earn more than 3½ per cent on its capital. Money on call is at present very cheap and there must be of necessity a retrenchment of some kind. Real estate cannot be counted on too strongly, and to-day we cannot set in some instances more than 4½ per cent on the very best bond and mortgage."

President J. H. Rhoades, of the Greenwich Savings Bank, said there was a general feeling, especially up the state that under the present condition of investment and returns four per cent was too high and undoubtedly the bankers would welcome any general movement to reduce the rate. Indeed, Mr. Rhoades had been asked to lend his influence in this direction. The fact that railroads could refund their bonds at 3½ per cent showed apparently that savings banks were in many instances giving a higher rate of interest than creditors warranted. Mr. Rhoades thought that ultimately all savings banks would reduce their rates to 3½ per cent and possibly to 3 per cent.

### PHILADELPHIA BANK FAILURES.

The Conference Selected to Formulate a Plan Makes Its Report.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 27.—The conference selected to formulate a plan of settlement of the affairs of the Chestnut street national bank and the Chestnut Street Trust and Savings Fund Company, of which William M. Singler, proprietor of the Record, was president, and which closed their doors last Thursday, to-night presented that plan for the consideration of depositors and creditors.

The chief measure suggested is the issuance of Record stock to secure the creditors. The plan is prefaced by a statement that "it must be clear to all concerned that in no such case can the creditors of the bank of the trust company, of the pulp and paper company, and of Mr. Singler himself, realize more than the total value of the assets and rights of these corporations in addition to those of Mr. Singler individually. No matter how protracted, or expensive possible assignments and receiverships may be made, the creditors cannot receive more than the total of all assets less the cost and expenses which will be incidental form of such administration. The fact, however, that at first sight so obvious, though it more and more impresses itself upon us, is that owing to the peculiar nature of the properties to be handled a lack of good judgment in their management will result in the receipt by the creditors of less than the present and probably of much less than the ultimate value thereof."

### Big Grocery Firm Assigns.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—The Krag-Reynolds Company, wholesale grocers at No. 31 and 33 East Maryland street, to-day filed a mortgage to Lafayette Perkins, as trustee for the various holders of the promissory notes to the amount of \$226,229 38. Late this afternoon the firm assigned to Mr. E. L. McKee. The mortgage covers the firm's grocery, stock, fixtures, accounts, etc., the several scattered pieces of real estate. There is also a mortgage covering chattels alone, to secure certain notes, among them one for \$27,500 to the Indiana National Bank and one of \$25,000 to the Capital National Bank, made December 21, 1897, to Harriet N. Reynolds, of Dayton, Ohio, for \$25,000; one to Nicholas McCarty Harrison for \$25,000, made November 1, and other similar notes. Charles M. Reynolds is president and general manager and William Wallace Krag secretary.

Mr. Krag said it was the intention to reorganize the company and continue in business.

### Union Pacific Officers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Official announcement has been made of the appointment of Horace F. Burt, third president of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway company as president of the Union Pacific Railway Company. The board of directors is to include the following: Winston S. Pierce, chairman; James Stillman, Marvin Huggitt, Roswell Miller, E. H. Harriman, Louis Fitzgerald, Henry B. Hyde, John W. Doane, Otto H. Kahn, T. Jefferson Colide, Jr., George J. Gould, Oliver Ames, James C. Cannon and Jacob E. Schiff. Oliver W. Mink is to be vice president in charge of the New York office. All the great roads seem to be represented directly or indirectly in the new directorate.

### Big Swindling Operation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—According to a dispatch received at police headquarters William P. Griffiths was arrested to-day in Denver by a detective sergeant from this city. Griffiths is charged with having swindled Richard J. Bowles, president of the Denver Mining Exchange out of \$14,016 on November 26, 1892. An indictment was found against Griffiths on October 19, of this year. The delay was due to the difficulty in getting witnesses.

### A Modern "Leak."

CINCINNATI—An unusual suicide was that of L. W. Kampel, a tailor, who was found by his daughter dead on his work bench. He had attached a rubber tube to the gas jet and from it inhaled the gas until he was overcome. He was at one time quite wealthy and had divided his property among his children, whose ingratitude weighed on his mind.

### Will Erect Ore Separators.

WINSTED, Conn., Dec. 27.—It is announced here that J. Pierpont Morgan and Thomas A. Edison have purchased important water privileges on the Housatonic river at Falls Village and will erect a number of the new Edison ore separators. They control valuable ore beds, a canal and other equipments.

## RUSSIA'S SEIZURE

Of the Chinese Port of Kin Chau an Important Move.

### THE OCCUPATION SIGNIFIES

That the Czar Has Practically Taken Possession of Corea and Manchuria. Which Will Cause Consternation Among the Diplomats of the Old World--The Port is One of Pre-eminent Importance as a Strategic Position, and Places Russia in a Position to Defy the World.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—The Russians have occupied Kin-Chau, north of Port Arthur.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Eli T. Sheppard, who has recently returned from China, where he held an official position, commenting upon the reported occupation of Kin-Chau by Russia said to-day:

"Kin-Chau is an important walled city (not an open port) at the head of the Gulf of Lau Tung and it commands the mouth of the river Yaloo, where the great naval battle between the Japanese and Chinese was fought, and the other important rivers which flow into the gulf. It is about equidistant between the mouth of the Yaloo river and the terminus of the great wall of China. It commands the railway system recently constructed from Tien Tsin to the capital of Manchuria and is of pre-eminent importance as a strategic position."

"The seizure of the port shows that Russia has practically taken possession of Corea, Manchuria and the Gulf of Lau Tung and possesses a significance which will cause consternation among the diplomats in the old world. Its situation is such that its possession practically places Russia in a position to defy the world."

### COMING CONVENTION

Of the Coal Operators and Miners at Chicago, January 17.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 27.—The executive committee of the United Mine Workers of America and coal operators from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois met at 3 p. m. to adjust wages to stand until an inter-state convention of miners and operators can be held. It is practically settled that the existing wage rate of the competitive field will be adopted to-day. West Virginia was not represented.

It was decided to hold a joint conference in Chicago January 17 following the national miners' convention in this city. While neither the operators nor the miners will say positively that an inter-state wage agreement will be made at that time, they are all hopeful that the meeting will result in an amicable adjustment of the wage scale for the ensuing year. In the meantime the present conditions will remain undisturbed. The miners will decide at their national convention upon the demands to be made at the joint conference. An advance of probably not less than ten cents per ton in the price of mining will be asked.

The following call was issued to-night:

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 27, 1897. To the Operators and Miners of Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois:

GENTLEMEN:—At a meeting of operators and miners' representatives held at Columbus, Ohio, on this 25th day of December, 1897, it was unanimously agreed that a joint meeting of miners and operators of this competitive coal field be held in the Y. M. C. A. building at Chicago, Ill., at 10 o'clock a. m. on Monday, January 17, for the purpose of establishing mutual relations and formulating an annual scale of prices to be paid for mining in the various fields in the states aforesaid for the ensuing year; and such adjustment of differentials as may be agreed on, and if possible the permanent establishment of inter-state agreement on the mining question; and the consideration of such other matters as may properly come before such meeting.

On behalf of operators: O. L. Robbins, Pennsylvania. H. N. Taylor, Illinois. R. S. Tennant, Indiana. J. S. Morton, Ohio, Committee. On behalf of miners: W. C. Pearce, Ohio. Patrick Dolan, Pennsylvania. J. M. Hunter, Illinois. J. H. Kennedy, Indiana, Committee. M. D. Hatchford, on behalf of National Executive Board.

Attest: F. S. BROOKS, Secretary.

### COAL COMPANY'S DIFFICULTIES

Being Straightened Out--Concern to Be Straightened To-day.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.—The Citizens Coal Company plans for which were mapped out at Cincinnati several weeks ago, was not thoroughly organized here to-day as was expected. The meeting, which was attended by Pittsburgh's largest river operators, together with Cincinnati's prominent coal men, adjourned this evening until to-morrow, with the expectation of straightening out the difficulties encountered to-day. The capital stock of the company has been placed at \$4,000,000, of which \$1,250,000 is preferred and \$2,750,000 common. It is said one-half of the stock has already been subscribed by local operators. The high to-day was on the manner of paying for stock. The majority of the operators present maintained that land should be given full value in payment of stock. This was objected to because the company would thus be formed with a shortage of cash. It was finally decided that shareholders should pay for stock with cash and land.

The meeting was harmonious and all to-morrow's session it is expected all details will be arranged.

### Frozen to the Boat.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A row boat containing four men frozen and unconscious, washed up on Rockaway Beach to-day. The men's feet were frozen fast to the bottom of the boat. They were carried to a hotel, put to bed and restoratives administered. After four hours care they recovered so far as to explain that they had hired a row boat from a fisherman, and had lost the oars, and had been at the mercy of the wind and waves all night. It is probable that they all will recover. Their names are: Joseph Day, D. B. Black, James Room, George Metzger, of New York city.

## CONFLICTING STATEMENTS

Made About the Food Situation in the Alaskan Gold Fields.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Among the passengers of the steamer Rosalie which has arrived here from Skaguay and Dyea, Alaska, were six men who recently left Dawson City, bringing advices up to November 2. The men are Frank Ballaine, John Lindsay, Tom Storey, R. Gwynn, W. B. Blog and P. J. Pollard.

Conflicting statements as to the food situation in Dawson was made by these men. Lindsay asserts with great positiveness that want already exists at Dawson and that unless food is taken into the camp from the coast men will suffer from hunger.

Ballaine, Gwynn and Holland say there is more alarm outside concerning the Dawson people than is felt by the residents of that place. They agree that there is no food to be bought in Dawson except where a man is found who is coming out of the country and with more grub than he could use on the way up the river. They, however, expect aid, for the fact that some of the men will be put on short rations thereby diminishing the output of the mines this winter, the shortage of food will not be felt; the exodus of men from Dawson to Fort Yukon and to points on the coast and materially relieves the situation at Dawson.

Between Pelly river and Dyea the party passed hundreds on the camps where snow and ice bound Klondikers have camped for the winter. Many of them were well equipped with provisions and by paying \$2 per pound it was possible for them to procure flour and other necessities.

From Five Finger the Yukon is a frozen mass of ice boulders running as high as twelve feet, blocking the canyon from wall to wall and making travel difficult. This, it is asserted, will have to be cut through by government or other relief expedition that expects to reach Dawson from the coast and the belief expressed by Ballaine was that this task would practically make futile almost any effort put forth by the government at Washington to relieve the American miners in the Klondike.

Reports from Skaguay and Dyea, brought down by the Rosalie are to the effect that scoundrels operating under the guise of Canadian officials are fleeing the newcomers at Lake Lindeman, demanding payment for duty and giving a printed receipt.

### Boats for Alaskan Waters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A Montreal dispatch to the Evening Post says: The Canadian Pacific railway has completed arrangements for the construction of six light draught stern wheel steamers to ply on Alaskan waters in conjunction with two ocean steamers which they have purchased in Scotland. These vessels will be constructed in Toronto, the contracts having been let to the Bertram and Polson works. Work will begin at once, as it is intended to have them ready for the opening of navigation. The boats are to be of wood, plated with steel and will have a length of 150 feet with a beam of thirty feet. They will be put together in the Toronto yards and will then be taken apart and the parts shipped to Vancouver, where the boats will be rebuilt.

### Supplies for Klondike Sufferers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Captain D. L. Brainerd, who is in Chicago making arrangements to advertise for bids for Klondike supplies, has been ordered to advertise immediately for a prepared list of rationals, consisting essentially of army rations, for 1,000 people for 100 days, a weight approximating 250,000 pounds. These supplies are to be delivered at Dyea by February first.

### En Route to the Klondike.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—John Hedgren, E. A. Erickson, G. H. Karlstrom and A. W. Moseley, four Swedes on their way to the Klondike, arrived in this city to-day on the steamer Euribia.

### Sacrificed Himself for Her Children.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Lizzie Gallagher was burned to death last night at her apartments in Brooklyn in her efforts to save her children. The baby had pulled the cloth from the table, upsetting the kerosene lamp. Mrs. Gallagher's clothes caught fire, but she devoted her efforts to rescuing her little children. Covered with burning oil she carried her three little ones to safety and then running to a neighbor's bedroom rolled herself in the blankets. It was too late, however, as she was burned from head to foot, and died soon after reaching the hospital to which she was taken.

### Indictments Dismissed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Judge MacMahon, in the court of general sessions to-day, on the recommendation of Assistant District Attorney Bell, dismissed the indictments for manslaughter found against George R. McCoy and Charles E. Foley, employees of the Manhattan Elevated Railway Company, who were accused of killing Charles E. Weber, a horse dealer, in the Ninth street station of the Third avenue road, on the night of February 4. It was alleged that Weber, who was intoxicated at the time, forced a quarrel with McCoy and Foley. In the fight Weber fell on the platform and received injuries which resulted mortally.

### Bismarck's Health.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The Hamburger Nachrichten denies that Prince Bismarck's gout is better, and says he cannot walk or sleep and is unable to read or answer his friends letters. The former chancellor is described as being very irate at the statement that his health is satisfactory and is quoted as saying: "If the gentlemen who wrote that were in my place, he would be able to get an idea of what a satisfactory condition is."

### Movements of Steamships.

HAVRE—Arrived 26th: La Gascogne, New York. GIBRALTAR—Left, New York, and proceeded for Naples and Genoa.

### Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia, Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, generally fair; light variable winds.

### Local Temperature.

The temperature